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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1956

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

C.A. HARVEY, M.B., C.H.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

H.W. PRIDMORE, M.A.P.H.I., as Public Health Inspector  
and Meat and Foods Inspector.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:

- (a) P.E. Miller, M.A.P.H.I.
- (b) C.R. Southgate, M.A.P.H.I.
- (c) K.D. Ballard, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerks:

- (d) Miss J. Bonfield.
- (e) I. Roddie (Pupil-Public Health Inspector).

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1956.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BIGGLESWADE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances relating to the district for 1956.

The adjusted death rate of 11.4 was lower than the rate of 13.2 for 1955 and was slightly lower than the rate for England and Wales. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system and cancer were again responsible for the greater number of the deaths. There were 11 deaths in males from cancer of the lung compared with 7 in 1955.

There was a higher birth rate than in 1955 viz. 16.2 as compared with 14.2 and it was also higher than the rate of 15.7 for the country.

It is still pleasing to note that the infant mortality rate of 17.2 is considerably lower than that of 23.8 for England and Wales, but it would have been extremely optimistic to hope to achieve the abnormally lower rate of 8.0 in 1955.

The prevalence of measles declined as compared with 1955. There were 32 cases of scarlet fever notified but no cases of poliomyelitis or dysentery. There were eight notified cases of pneumonia with one death. Notifications of new cases of respiratory tuberculosis showed a marked decrease during the year, there being 7 cases as compared with 23 in 1955, while there were no cases of non-respiratory tuberculosis compared to 7 in 1955.

With the advancement of the Shefford and Clifton sewerage scheme, the consideration of schemes for other parishes will arise, and in this connection, Northill and Blunham would appear to have priority with Tempsford and Wrestlingworth following closely.

I wish to thank sincerely the Officials of the Council and their Staffs for their help and co-operation at all times.

I am,  
Your obedient servant,

C. A. HARVEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) .....	49,152
Registrar-General's estimate of population	26,630
Number of inhabited houses end of 1956 ...	7,249
Rateable Value .....	£200,178
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£880.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate .....	213	171	384
Illegitimate .....	11	11	22
	<u>224</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>406</u>

Crude birth rate per 1,000 Home Population .... 15.2  
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 Home Population . 16.2  
Birth Rate for England and Wales ..... 15.7

<u>STILL BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate .....	3	4	7
Illegitimate .....	-	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Births ..... 16.9  
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales ..... 23.0

<u>DEATHS:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes .....	206	179	385
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population ....	14.5		
Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population .	11.4		
Death Rate for England and Wales .....	11.7		
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child birth:			
From Sepsis .....	0		
From other causes ....	0		

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DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate .....	5	2	7
Illegitimate .....	-	-	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>

Rate for all infants per 1,000 live births ... 17.2  
 Rate for England and Wales ..... 23.8

DEATHS FROM:-

Measles (all ages) .....	-
Whooping Cough .....	-
Influenza .....	-
Cancer (all ages) .....	58

STATISTICAL TABLE 1947 - 1956

<u>DEATH RATE</u>			<u>BIRTH RATE</u>		<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATE</u>	
Year	Biggleswade R.D.C.	England & Wales	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales
1947	12.4	12.0	21.0	20.5	22.9	41
1948	10.8	10.8	16.86	17.9	29.18	34
1949	9.7	11.7	16.4	16.7	10.9	32
1950	10.2	11.7	15.0	15.8	20.5	29
1951	8.7	12.5	11.7	15.5	28.6	29.6
1952	9.1	11.3	13.4	15.3	25.0	27.6
1953	10.6	11.4	14.4	15.5	15.9	26.8
1954	12.2	11.3	15.9	15.2	25.5	25.5
1955	13.2	11.7	14.2	15.0	8.0	24.9
1956	11.4	11.7	16.2	15.7	17.2	23.8



CAUSES OF DEATH

The following table shows causes of death as given in the Registrar-General's statistics:-

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All Causes ... ..	206	179
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	1
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	4
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	11	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	10
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	18	10
15. Leukaemia, aleukemia	1	2
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	24	23
18. Coronary disease, angina	39	17
19. Hypertensions with heart disease	6	12
20. Other heart disease	27	59
21. Other circulatory disease	8	4
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	13	5
24. Bronchitis	9	3
25. Other disease of respiratory system	1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	3	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1
31. Congenital malformations	3	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	24	13
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
34. All other accidents	1	11
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-



GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES:

1. Laboratory facilities:

The services of the Public Health Laboratory, General Hospital, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, is available for the examination of any material submitted by the Health Department or by General Practitioners. This service is under the direction of the Medical Research Council through the Ministry of Health, and there is no charge to the Council. The laboratory undertakes the examination of throat swabs, sputum, urine and faeces, and blood from all cases of suspected infectious disease, and advice and assistance is always available.

2. Ambulance Facilities:

The Bedfordshire County Council provides a complete service covering the whole of the County. The service is a twenty-four hour one and is free of charge, and is available for the removal of all cases requiring admission to hospital and also for the transport of patients who are unable to use other means of transport to and from Hospitals or Clinics, so that they can receive any necessary treatment. The request for the provision of an ambulance must be made by a General Practitioner or by an Authorised Person.

The service is also available for transport of persons suffering from infectious disease to isolation hospital.

The following depots are situated in the eastern and northern districts of the County:-

Biggleswade	...	Crab Lane	...	Tel. Biggleswade	2295
Bedford	...	Bedford Road,	"	Bedford	5335 & 5336.
		Kempston.			

3. Midwifery and Domiciliary Nursing Services:

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council became the responsible authority for these services, the day to day administration being under the Eastern Divisional Health Committee.

The following is a list of the nurses and their districts:-

Midwifery and Domiciliary Nursing Service (Cont'd).

<u>District</u>	<u>Name and Address of Nurse</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Everton Sandy Tempsford	Miss H.W. Pearse, 68 St. Neots Road, Sandy.	Sandy 105.
Biggleswade Edworth Dunton (Midwifery only)	Miss M.P. Stafford, 17 Saffron Road, Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 3266.
Potton Sutton Wrestlingworth Cockayne Hatley Eyeworth	Miss F.C. Bishop, 11 Festival Road, Potton.	Potton 234.
Biggleswade Edworth Dunton (General Nursing only)	Miss E. Dillistone, 2 High Street, Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 3177.
Astwick Clifton Old Warden Southill Stotfold.	Mrs. P.R. Corns, 20 Stanford Road, Southill.	Shefford 380.
Henlow Langford	Miss A.H. Peddie, 31 High Street, Henlow.	Clifton 261.
Arlesey	Miss D.J. Peck, Chase Farm Road, Arlesey.	Arlesey 362.
Campton Chicksands Meppershall Shefford Upper Stondon	Miss D.M. Collie, 47 Southfields, Shefford.	Shefford 307.
Blunham Mogerhanger Northill	Mrs. E.M. Wyer, 62 Stratton Way, Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 2028.

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#### 4. Clinics and Treatment Centres:

##### (a) Child Welfare Centres:-

Arlesey	Methodist Schoolroom	Monday p.m. Fortnightly.
Biggleswade	"The Lawns," Health Centre	Tuesday p.m. Weekly.
Blunham	Village Hall	Thursday p.m. Every four weeks.
Henlow	R.A.F. Camp	Thursday p.m. Weekly.
Langford	Ivy Leaf Club	Thursday a.m. Fortnightly.
Potton	Church Hall	Wednesday p.m. Fortnightly.
Sandy	Church Room	Thursday p.m. Fortnightly.
Shefford	Digswell House	Wednesday p.m. Weekly.
Stotfold	Unionist Club	Monday p.m. Fortnightly.
Tempsford	Stuart Memorial Hall	Thursday p.m. Every four weeks.
Wrestlingworth	Memorial Hall	Tuesday p.m. Every four weeks.

##### (b) Ante-Natal Clinics:-

Biggleswade	"The Lawns," Health Centre	Tuesday a.m. Fortnightly.
Shefford	Digswell House	Wednesday a.m. Fortnightly.
Stotfold	Unionist Club	Monday a.m. Fortnightly.

##### (c) Tuberculosis:-

The Chest Clinic,  
Bedford General Hospital, (North Wing),  
Kimbolton Road,  
Bedford.

The days and times of attendance are:-

Monday	2 - 2.30 p.m. & 6 - 6.30 p.m.	Refills (A.P. & P.P.)
Tuesday	9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. } 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. }	Women and children - new and old patients.
Wednesday	9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2 - 3.30 p.m. 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Contacts. Doctors Mini Film Clinic. To examine films sent by Factory Doctors.
Thursday	9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Males - old and new patients.

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Clinics and Treatment Centres (Cont'd).

(d) Venereal Diseases Clinic --

Bedford General Hospital (South Wing).

The days and time of attendance are:-

Men and	Wednesday	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Women	Friday	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Medical Officer in attendance:-

Wednesday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

Water is supplied to the area by the Biggleswade Water Board and has proved very satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples have been taken periodically during the year and the results have shown that the supply is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity.

The following report by the Counties Public Health Laboratories of a sample sent for examination on 24th February, 1956, is typical:-

Chemical Examination in parts per Million

Appearance - Opalescent with a flocculent deposit.  
Microscopical examination iron hydroxide with  
a few threads of Gallionella.

Colour .....	Filtered: less than 3.
Taste .....	Normal
Odour .....	Nil
Reaction pH .....	7.0
Free Carbon Dioxide as CO <sub>2</sub> .....	32
Ammoniacal Nitrogen .....	0.10
Albuminoid Nitrogen .....	0.00
Nitrous Nitrogen .....	Absent
Nitric Nitrogen .....	0.0
Hardness (Calculated from Calcium and Magnesium contents) as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	
Temporary	145
Permanent	30
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	145
Total Solids dried at 180 degs. C.	250
Iron .....	2.2
Fluoride	0.26



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Bacteriological Examination

(Sampling bottles are treated to remove residual chlorine, if present).

Number of Colonies developing on Agar per cc. or ml. in

1 day at 37 degs. C. .... 0 per ml.  
2 days at 37 degs. C. .... 0 per ml.  
3 days at 20 degs. C. .... 0 per ml.

	<u>Present in</u>	<u>Absent from</u>	<u>Probable Number</u>
Presumptive Coliform-aerogenes Reaction.	Ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1.) .....	Ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. Welchii Reaction .....	Ml.	100 ml.	

This is a very satisfactory sample. It is clear and bright in appearance and is of the highest standard of bacterial purity indicative of a wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

24th February, 1956.



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INFECTIOUS DISEASES, OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

(a) General Statistics

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the deaths from these diseases.

Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year 1956.

Disease	Total cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths registered.
Scarlet Fever	32	-	-
Whooping Cough	25	-	-
Measles	54	-	-
Pneumonia	8	-	1
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Jaundice	8	-	-

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASESNOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

Disease	Under 1 year		1 to 3		3 to 5		5 to 10		10 to 15		15 to 25		25 to 35		35 to 45		45 to 65		65 & up- wards		Total all ages
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	1	1	1	11	13	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Whooping Cough	-	-	2	2	4	4	3	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Measles	-	-	2	4	7	8	17	13	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	8
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The County Council, under the National Health Service Act, 1946, provides this treatment free of charge through the family Doctor, or at School or a Child Welfare Centre. The figures have been supplied by the Eastern Divisional Medical Officer.

The number of cases of, and deaths from Diphtheria, have shown a remarkable decline since the introduction of immunisation, and no case has been notified in the district for several years. In order to ensure that outbreaks of this disease will not occur in the future, it is necessary that at least 75 per cent of all children under the age of 15 years should be protected effectively against the disease, i.e. they should have had either a primary immunisation or a 'booster' injection within the last five years.

Protection against Whooping Cough.

Since the 1st November, 1956, the County Council have made facilities available for the protection against Whooping Cough of young children who have not had the disease, and whose parents are desirous of having such protection given to their children. The Whooping Cough vaccine can be given alone, or in combination with Diphtheria Prophylactic.

Primary Immunisation during 1956.

Born Age at 31.12.56	1956 under 1	1955 1	1954 2	1953 3	1952 4	1947- 1951- 5-9	1941- 1946 10-14	Total under 15
	66	127	49	5	4	85	14	351

Whooping Cough only

Age at 31.12.56.	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	Total under 15
	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	5

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TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases, and the number of deaths in their age groups.

Age Distribution of Cases and Deaths

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under								
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over.	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Totals	1	6	-	-	2	1	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis)  
Regulations, 1925.

No action was taken under these regulations.

C.A. HARVEY,  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

"The Lawns,"  
The Baulk,  
Biggleswade.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1956.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fourteenth Annual Report upon the work carried out by your Public Health Inspectors.

Apart from the continued absence of Miss D. Anderson, Shorthand-typist, as the result of her unfortunate accident, there have been no changes in the staff of the department, and a considerable amount of work has been accomplished, as will be sent from the following paragraphs.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Dwellinghouses inspected under the	
Public Health or Housing Acts.....	976
Re-inspections and visits to works in progress ..	729
Visits to new buildings in course of erection ...	451
Visits to Dairies and Milk Distributors .....	13
Visits and inspections of food premises .....	91
Visits re infectious disease .....	9
Numbers of rooms fumigated after infectious	
disease .....	7
Miscellaneous visits (including refuse	
collection and rodent control) .....	2431

NOTICES SERVED

56 Intimation Notices or letters in respect of 68 properties were sent and 1 Statutory Notice served.

HOUSING:

During the year, 158 Demolition Orders have been made and 10 undertakings to repair accepted. 14 families living in houses included in the Council's Slum Clearance programme have been rehoused. 27 houses were demolished.

The Improvement Grant provisions in the Housing Acts enable much valuable work to be accomplished and although a considerable amount of your Inspectors' time is taken up in this work, the results are more than justified.

41 applications for grant were approved involving work to a value of £22,100. 50% grants were made in respect of 19 owner/occupied houses and 22 houses which were let.



NUISANCES:

All complaints of nuisances received during the year have been investigated and dealt with satisfactorily.

The following works were carried out during the year:-

Sanitary improvements (including  
drainage work) ..... 134

Nuisances abated ..... 31

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:

No cases of infestation were reported during the year.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES:

Meat inspection duties continue to place a heavy burden on the department. One Inspector is engaged whole time at one slaughterhouse in the area. Even so, a considerable amount of overtime (including Sundays) is necessary to ensure 100% inspection.

There are 9 other licensed slaughterhouses in the area at which only a small amount of slaughtering is carried out.

Details of the animals slaughtered, carcasses inspected and condemned, are given in the following table:-



CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number slaughtered	3,062	335	503	7,590	25,792
Number inspected	3,062	335	503	7,590	25,792
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	3	1	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1,202	124	1	814	1,239
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	39.32	37.32	0.79	10.74	4.82
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	4	8	1	-	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	170	52	-	-	170
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	5.68	17.91	0.19	-	0.67

11 cases of *Cysticercus Bovis* were found. In each case, the carcass was submitted to treatment by refrigeration.

The weight of meat found to be unfit for human food, was as follows:-

	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Beef	5	0	1	19
Beef offal	9	17	2	23
Mutton			3	18
Mutton Offal		13	2	25
Pork	1	8	0	10
Pork offal	1	16	2	23
Veal		6	0	17
Veal offal			1	24
Total weight	19	4	0	19

MILK:

During the year, 16 dealer's licences were issued. Twenty-five samples were submitted for examination, one of which failed.

ICE CREAM:

Only eight premises are registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream, whilst 61 are registered for the sale of ice cream.

All premises have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

OTHER FOODS:

Regular visits have been paid to other food shops and as a result, 96 tins of various foodstuff and 1 stone of fish have been found to be unfit for human consumption.

SCAVENGING SERVICES:

I am pleased to be able to report that these services have continued to operate smoothly and efficiently. Refuse is removed from all houses throughout the district once per fortnight, and in all parishes except Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold which are sewered, night soil is removed once per week. In the more congested areas, it is removed twice per week from houses occupied by 4 or more persons. Cesspools are emptied once per house per year free of charge, or more frequently upon payment.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping and night soil is composted and ultimately disposed of to farmers.

RODENT CONTROL:

The following table shows the number of properties inspected and treated by the Rodent Operator:-

	<u>Local</u> <u>Authority</u>	<u>Dwelling-</u> <u>houses</u>	<u>All others</u> <u>including</u> <u>business</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
No. of properties inspected	20	286	43	349
No. of properties inspected found to be infested	20	128	12	160
No. of infested properties treated	20	128	12	160

In addition, test baiting of the Council's sewers was undertaken in Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold. Where evidence of infestation was found, the necessary treatment was carried out.

#### SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE:

I am pleased to report that work is now in progress on the sewerage of Clifton and Shefford. The provision of this service will fill a long felt need, and it is hoped that the sewers will be available for use in the very near future.

The works at Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold have been maintained in a satisfactory condition. The engines and pumps at Potton are now almost 50 years old and the time is rapidly approaching when they will have to be replaced.

#### DITCHES:

During the year, 538 chains of ditches have been cleansed at a total cost of £423.

#### RAINFALL:

The following table shows the rainfall recorded at the Sewage Disposal Works:-

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ARLESEY</u>		<u>STOTFOLD</u>		<u>POTTON</u>	
	<u>Rainfall</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Rainfall</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Rainfall</u>	<u>Days</u>
January	3.71"	21	3.18"	22	3.40"	28
February	0.30"	9	0.43"	10	0.81"	24
March	0.45"	8	0.41"	7	0.62"	11
April	1.08"	11	0.95"	9	1.18"	17
May	0.35"	5	0.29"	5	0.33"	6
June	2.95"	12	Not recorded	-	2.50"	25
July	3.79"	13	" "	-	3.54"	20
August	4.02"	21	" "	-	3.72"	31
September	1.73"	10	" "	-	2.39"	18
October	1.60"	16	1.68"	16	1.54"	24
November	0.53"	12	0.80"	12	0.92"	20
December	2.55"	18	2.36"	19	1.77"	25
Total	23.06"	156			22.72"	249

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

## 1. Inspections -

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Number of written notices and Occupiers</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	34	35	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i), in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	83	36	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-
Total	117	71	-

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## 2. Cases in which defects were found:-

	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspect- -tor.	By H.M. Inspect- -tor.	
Want of cleanliness	-		-	-	-
Overcrowding	-		-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-		-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-		-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-		-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-		-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-		-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-		-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	2	-

OUTWORKSection 110

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec.110(ie)c.	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.
Glove making	3	-	-	-
Wearing Apparel	3	-	-	-

Section 111Notices served

Nil

Prosecutions

Nil



NEW BUILDINGS:

During the year, 282 plans were submitted and approved under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and the Council's Building Byelaws.

10 other plans were submitted but not approved.

LICENCES TO DEAL IN GAME:

Visits and inspections	3
Number of licences granted	3

PETROLEUM ACTS:

Number of licences granted	95
Amount of fees received	£58. 10. 0.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Council, the Clerk and Medical Officer of Health for their consideration and support, and also to the staff of the Public Health Department for their loyal co-operation.

Your obedient servant,

H.W. PRIDMORE,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.